



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, many natural disasters are caused by tornadoes in the State of Wisconsin, with significant impact upon all those who are affected; and

**WHEREAS**, tornadoes create emergencies of great concern to the State of Wisconsin, with imminent threat to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, severe thunderstorm phenomena such as powerful wind gusts, large hail, flood-producing heavy rains, and lightning pose a threat to the lives, safety and property of the citizens of Wisconsin, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, a record 62 tornadoes spun up in Wisconsin, breaking the previous record of 43 tornadoes for one year set back in 1980, and

**WHEREAS**, the worst tornado outbreak ever in Wisconsin's recorded history took place on August 18, 2005 with 27 tornadoes affecting the state, with the hardest hit areas of Dane, Richland and Vernon Counties, and

**WHEREAS**, one person was killed and several people injured as a result of the August 18, 2005 tornadoes, and

**WHEREAS**, tornadoes, severe storms, flooding and strong winds have caused millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and local government infrastructure in Wisconsin; and

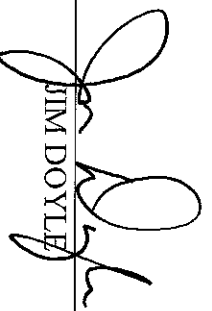
**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin can be seriously affected by tornadoes and severe weather, and it is essential that we increase awareness of the dangers of severe weather hazards and the protective actions which can be taken by citizens,

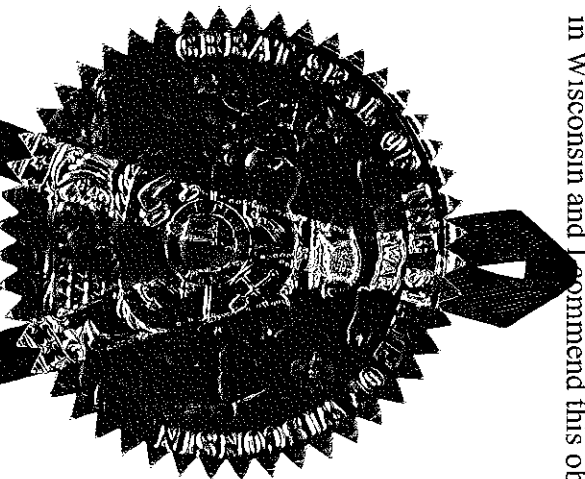
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby proclaim April 17-21, 2006, to be**

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in Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this third day of March in the year two thousand six.

  
JIM DOYLE



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS A. FOLLETT  
Secretary of State